

provide notice of said selected flight to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

145. The system of claim 144, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.
146. The system of claim 144, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.
147. The system of claim 144, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.
148. The system of claim 144, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.
149. The system of claim 144, wherein said processor is further configured to:
 - issue a voucher for said booking; and
 - transmit said voucher to the traveler.
150. The system of claim 144 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.
151. A system comprising:
 - a memory device;
 - a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:
 - receive a booking for an airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;
 - query a central reservation system containing information regarding a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;
 - select one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter
 - provide notice of said selected flight to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.
152. The system of claim 151, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.
153. The system of claim 151, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.



154. The system of claim 151, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.
155. The system of claim 151, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.
156. The system of claim 151, wherein said processor is further configured to:
 - issue a voucher for said booking; and
 - transmit said voucher to the traveler.
157. The system of claim 151 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.
158. A system comprising:
 - a memory device having embodied therein information relating to a plurality of airline flights;
 - a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:
 - receive a booking for an airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;
 - examine a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;
 - select one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter
 - provide notice of said selected flight to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.
159. The system of claim 158, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.
160. The system of claim 158, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.
161. The system of claim 158, wherein said processor is further configured to:
 - issue a voucher for said booking; and
 - transmit said voucher to the traveler.

162. The system of claim 158 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.

163. A system comprising:

a memory device;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:

receive a booking for an airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;

relay said booking to an airline carrier; and thereafter

provide notice of said booking to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

164. The system of claim 163, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

165. The system of claim 163, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

166. The system of claim 163, wherein said processor is further configured to:

issue a voucher for said booking; and

transmit said voucher to the traveler.

167. The system of claim 163 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking,

168. A system comprising:

a memory device;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:

receive a booking for an airline ticket to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;

query a central reservation system containing information regarding a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

select one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

provide notice of said selected flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

169. The system of claim 168, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

170. The system of claim 168, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

171. The system of claim 168, wherein the notice identifies the departure time.

172. The system of claim 168, wherein said processor is further configured to:

issue a voucher for said booking; and

transmit said voucher to the traveler.

173. The system of claim 168 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.

174. A system comprising:

a memory device having embodied therein information relating to a plurality of airline flights;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:

receive a booking for a concealed carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket;

examine a plurality of flights to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

select one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

provide notice of said selected flight to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

175. The system of claim 174, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

176. The system of claim 174, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.

177. The system of claim 174, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

178. The system of claim 174, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

179. The system of claim 174, wherein said processor is further configured to:

issue a voucher for said booking; and

transmit said voucher to the traveler.

180. The system of claim 174 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.

181. A system comprising:

a memory device;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:

receive a booking for a concealed carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket;

query a central reservation system containing information regarding a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

select one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

provide notice of said selected flight to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

182. The system of claim 181, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

183. The system of claim 181, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.

184. The system of claim 181, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

185. The system of claim 181, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

186. The system of claim 181, wherein said processor is further configured to:

issue a voucher for said booking; and

transmit said voucher to the traveler.

187. The system of claim 181 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.

188. A system comprising:

a memory device having embodied therein information relating to a plurality of airline flights;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:

receive a booking for a concealed carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket;

examine a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

select one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

provide notice of said selected flight to said traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

189. The system of claim 188, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

190. The system of claim 188, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

191. The system of claim 188, wherein said processor is further configured to:

issue a voucher for said booking; and

transmit said voucher to the traveler.

192. The system of claim 188 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.

193. A system comprising:

a memory device;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:

receive a booking for a concealed carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket;

relay said booking to an airline carrier; and thereafter

provide notice of said booking to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

194. The system of claim 193, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.
195. The system of claim 193, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.
196. The system of claim 193, wherein said processor is further configured to:
 - issue a voucher for said booking; and
 - transmit said voucher to the traveler.
197. The system of claim 193 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.
198. A system comprising:
 - a memory device;
 - a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:
 - receive a booking for a concealed carrier airline ticket to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket;
 - query a central reservation system containing information regarding a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said request;
 - select one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter
 - provide notice of said selected flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

199. The system of claim 198, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

200. The system of claim 198, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

201. The system of claim 198, wherein said processor is further configured to:

issue a voucher for said booking; and

transmit said voucher to the traveler.

202. The system of claim 198 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.

203. A method comprising:

receiving a booking for an unspecified carrier airline ticket to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range on specified dates at a discounted fare associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying a departure time;

relaying said booking to an airline carrier, and thereafter

outputting notice of the actual flight information, including a flight number, departure time, departure date, and airline identity.

204. The method of claim 203 further comprising:

issuing a voucher for said booking; and

transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

205. The method of claim 203 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

206. A method comprising:

receiving from a traveler an offer to purchase an unspecified carrier airline ticket to a specified destination location from a specified departure location on a specified date at a traveler specified price;

booking an airline ticket which satisfies said offer; and thereafter

outputting notice to the traveler of the actual flight information, including a flight number, departure time, departure date, and airline identity.

207. The method of claim 206, wherein said offer is received through an online connection.

208. The method of claim 206, wherein said offer is received via an interactive voice response unit.

209. The method of claim 206, wherein said offer is guaranteed by a credit account.

210. The method of claim 206 further comprising:
issuing a voucher for said booking; and
transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

211. The method of claim 206 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

212. A method for using a computer to process the sale of travel services comprising:
receiving a booking for a discount fare airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;
examining a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;
selecting one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter
providing notice to the traveler of said selected flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

213. The method of claim 212, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

214. The method of claim 212, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.

215. The method of claim 212, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

216. The method of claim 212, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

217. The method of claim 212, further comprising:
issuing a voucher for said booking; and
transmitting said voucher to the traveler.

218. The method of claim 212 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

219. A method for using a computer to process the sale of travel services comprising:

receiving a booking for an airline ticket to a specified destination location from a specified departure location at a discount fair associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;

querying a central reservation system containing information regarding a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said request;

selecting one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

providing notice of said selected flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

220. The method of claim 219, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

221. The method of claim 219, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.

222. The method of claim 219, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

223. The method of claim 219, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

224. The method of claim 219, further comprising:

issuing a voucher for said booking; and

transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

225. The method of claim 219, further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

226. A method for using a computer to process the sale of travel services comprising:

receiving a booking for an airline ticket to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;

examining a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

selecting one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

providing notice of said selected flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

227. The method of claim 226, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

228. The method of claim 226, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

229. The method of claim 226, further comprising:

issuing a voucher for said booking; and

transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

230. The method of claim 226 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

231. A method for using a computer to process the sale of travel services comprising:

receiving a booking for an airline ticket to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket, said booking not specifying an airline carrier;

querying a central reservation system containing information regarding a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

selecting one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

providing notice of said selected flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

232. The method of claim 231, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

233. The method of claim 231, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

234. The method of claim 231, further comprising:

issuing a voucher for said booking; and

transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

235. The method of claim 231 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

236. An airline ticket representing a binding commitment for carriage, said ticket not specifying an airline carrier, departure time or flight number.

237. A discount fare airline ticket representing a binding commitment for carriage, said ticket not specifying an airline carrier, departure time or flight number.

238. A method of selling discount fare airline tickets without undermining a published fare structure, comprising:

establishing an acceptable discount fare for airline carriage to a specified destination location from a specified departure location;

making said discount fare for airline carriage available to potential travelers without revealing the identity of an airline carrier;

receiving a booking of said discount fare for airline carriage; and thereafter outputting notice of an actual flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

239. The method of claim 238, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

240. The method of claim 238, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.

241. The method of claim 238, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

242. The method of claim 238, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

243. The method of claim 238, further comprising:

issuing a voucher for said booking; and

transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

244. The method of claim 238 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

245. A method of selling discount fare airline tickets without undermining a published fare structure, comprising:

establishing an acceptable discount fare for airline carriage to a specified destination location from a specified departure location;

making said discount fare for airline carriage available to potential travelers without revealing airline carrier identity or departure time;

receiving a booking of said discount fare for airline carriage; and thereafter outputting notice of the actual flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier and departure time.

246. The method of claim 245, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

247. The method of claim 245, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.

248. The method of claim 245, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

249. The method of claim 245, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

250. The method of claim 245, further comprising:

issuing a voucher for said booking; and

transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

251. The method of claim 245 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

252. A method of selling discount fare airline tickets without undermining a published fare structure, comprising:

establishing an acceptable discount fare for airline carriage to a specified destination location from a specified departure location on a specified date; *time range*

making said discount fare for airline carriage available to potential travelers without revealing airline carrier identity or departure time;

receiving a booking of said discount fare for airline carriage; and thereafter

outputting notice of the actual flight, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier and departure time.

253. The method of claim 252, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

254. The method of claim 252, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.

255. The method of claim 252, wherein said notice identifies the flight number

256. The method of claim 252, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

257. The method of claim 252, further comprising:

issuing a voucher for said booking; and

transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

258. The method of claim 252 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

259. A method comprising:

receiving an offer to purchase an unspecified carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location on a specified date within a specified time range at a traveler specified price, said offer not specifying an airline carrier;
booking an airline ticket that satisfies said offer; and thereafter
outputting notice to the traveler of the actual flight information, including flight number, departure time and airline.

260. The method of claim 259, further comprising:

issuing a voucher for said booking; and
transmitting said voucher to a traveler.

261. The method of claim 259 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

262. The method of claim 259, wherein said offer is received through an online connection.

263. The method of claim 259, wherein said offer is received via an interactive voice response unit.

264. The method of claim 259, wherein said offer is guaranteed by a financial account.

265. A system comprising:

a memory device;

a processor in communication with said memory device, said processor configured to:

receive an offer to purchase an unspecified carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location on a specified date within a specified time range at a traveler specified price, said offer not specifying an airline carrier;

book an airline ticket that satisfies said offer; and thereafter

output notice to the traveler of the actual flight information, including flight number, departure time and airline.

266. The system of claim 265, wherein said processor is further configured to:

issue a voucher for said booking; and

transmit said voucher to a traveler.

267. The system of claim 265 wherein said processor is further configured to issue an e-ticket for said booking.
268. The system of claim 265, wherein said offer is received through an online connection.
269. The system of claim 265, wherein said offer is received via an interactive voice response unit.
270. The system of claim 265, wherein said offer is guaranteed by a financial account.
271. A method comprising:
 - receiving a booking for a concealed carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket;
 - examining a plurality of flights to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;
 - selecting one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter
 - providing notice of said selected flight to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.
272. The method of claim 271, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.
273. The method of claim 271, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.
274. The method of claim 271, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.
275. The method of claim 271, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.
276. The method of claim 271, further comprising:
 - issuing a voucher for said booking; and
 - transmitting said voucher to the traveler.
277. The method of claim 271 further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

278. A method comprising:

receiving a booking for a concealed carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket;

querying a central reservation system containing information regarding a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

selecting one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

providing notice of said selected flight to the traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.

279. The method of claim 278, wherein said booking does not specify a departure time.

280. The method of claim 278, wherein said booking specifies a departure time range.

281. The method of claim 278, wherein said notice identifies the flight number.

282. The method of claim 278, wherein said notice identifies the departure time.

283. The method of claim 278, wherein said processor is further configured to:

issue a voucher for said booking; and

transmit said voucher to the traveler.

284. The method of claim 278, further comprising issuing an e-ticket for said booking.

285. A method comprising:

receiving a booking for a concealed carrier airline ticket for a traveler to a specified destination location from a specified departure location within a specified time range at a discount fare associated with said airline ticket;

examining a plurality of flights which would satisfy the booking to determine which of said plurality of flights to select for said booking;

selecting one of the plurality of flights; and thereafter

providing notice of said selected flight to said traveler, wherein said notice identifies the airline carrier.